# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:211
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TELECOM PROJECTS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether many communication projects are lagging behind their schedule resulting in the huge escalation in their cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check delay in the completion of said projects?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 FOR 27TH AUGUST, 2007 REGARDING TELECOM PROJECTS.

(a) Sir, MTNL and BSNL, the two Government telecom operating companies make all efforts for timely commissioning of projects. While most of the telecom projects are in commercial use, some minor Acceptance Testing points are pending in some of the projects. Following major projects costing Rs. 100 crores and above are however delayed:

BSNL

i) Project 3 of National Internet Backbone (NIB) II, implementation of message storage, billing, security etc.
ii) Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning (SITC) of 30.2 lakh lines WLL Exchange equipment.

MTNL

i) Convergent billing project of Mumbai
ii) Convergent billing project of Delhi
iii) 750 K GSM project of Mumbai.

(b) Details of delayed projects of BSNL and MTNL are given in Annexure I and Annexure II respectively.

(c) The PSUs are continuously making efforts towards arresting delays by taking appropriate timely actions. Progress of the projects is monitored on regular basis.